



**WHEN WE GO**  
**July 9, 2023**

Consider your salvation story. Who had a role in leading you to Christ?  
Why can discussing the Great Commission be overwhelming or a guilt trip?

1. Every member is a minister.

- **Read 1 Peter 2:9.** Is Peter talking to the individual Christian or the Church (or both)? How is salvation so much greater than “fire insurance”?
- One definition of the verb, *minister*, is “to give aid or service.” What is your ministry? What motivates you to minister?

2. Every member has a mission.

- **Read the Great Commandment in Matthew 22:37-40.**
- **Read the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20.**
- Why is obeying the Great Commandment a prerequisite for following the Great Commission?
- **Read John 17:18, 20.** What did Pastor Ted mean by, “Jesus gave the Great Commission to the eleven, us and you”?

3. Every member plays a part in missions (fulfilling your mission in a different culture or nation).

- **Read 1 Corinthians 9:20-23.**
- How can we maintain our integrity and “become all things to all people”?
- Missionary Bob Dodson said, “Missions starts off with ‘this is impossible’ then moves to ‘this is a struggle’ and concludes with ‘this is done.’” How long does this process take?
- **Read Matthew 9:37-38 and Romans 15:30-31.**
- When we go to other cultures, we see the need firsthand and we come back ready to pray, serve, give, and go back.
  - Consider whether you should go on a short-term mission trip. Recall Bob Dodson’s PS in a letter to Pastor Ted, “Dee and I came to Tanzania because we were invited by a friend. Exposure to missions prompts thoughts of ‘perhaps I could do that.’”
  - Are you supporting those who are full-time missionaries through prayer, giving, or service? If not, the Woodland Hills website has a list of supported missionaries at <https://woodhills.org/ministries/adults/missions/>.

**In closing, read Romans 10:13-15. Pray that each individual in the group, Woodland Hills Family Church, and the global Church may recognize and fulfill their role(s) in the Great Commission.**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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